

## REMARKS

This application contains claims 6, 8-11, 25-27, 36 and 37. Claims 1-5, 7, 12-24, 28-35, 38 and 39 were withdrawn without prejudice in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 6, 8, 25 and 36 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 8-11, 25-27, 36 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failure to indicate where the claimed testing routines are effected and for not defining the terms "arrival characteristics" and "exchange characteristics," as used in these claims. Applicant has amended claims 6, 8, 25 and 36 in order to overcome this rejection. These claims now recite that the testing methods and apparatus in question are controlled by a testing center, which also observes and compares the test results. This feature of the present invention is described in the specification of the present patent application, for example, on page 4, lines 15-19.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite that the claimed arrival characteristics comprise at least one of a time and order of arrival of the packets. This feature of the present invention is noted in the specification on page 4, lines 23-24.

Claims 8, 25 and 36 have been amended to recite that the claimed exchange characteristics comprise at least one of a packet throughput characteristic, a packet delay characteristic, a packet loss characteristic and a packet jitter characteristic. This feature of the present invention is noted in the specification on page 27, lines 1-12.

In view of these amendments, claims 6, 8, 25 and 36 are now believed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 9-11, which depend from claim 8; claims 26 and 27, which depend from claim 25; and claim 36, which

depends from claim 35, are therefore believed to meet these requirements, as well.

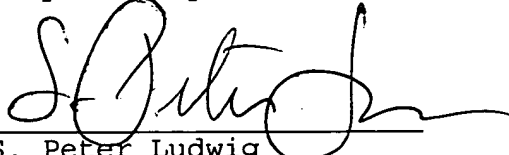
Claims 6, 8-11, 25-27, 36 and 37 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Cidon et al. (U.S. Patent 6,269,330). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, on the grounds that any invention disclosed but not claimed in Cidon et al., as cited by the Examiner in the present Official Action, was invented by Moshe Sidi and/or Israel Cidon, who are among the inventors in the present patent application. A declaration to this effect by Israel Cidon under 37 C.F.R. 132 is submitted herewith. Claims 6, 8-11, 25-27, 36 and 37 are therefore believed to be patentable over Cidon et al.

Applicant has studied the additional references cited by the Examiner and believes that the claims currently pending in the present application are patentable over these references, as well, whether taken individually or in combination with other cited references.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

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